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CHEROKEE

FOLLOWING ALEXANDRIA 0759 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 1, 1977  
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T ALEXANDRIA 0759

NODIS CHEROKEE

DEPT PASS SECRETARY PARTY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, US

SUBJECT: MIG MAINTENANCE

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0753

1. MANAGED GET WORD TO FAHMY LAST NIGHT OF BEECHER ARTICLE  
ON MIG MAINTENANCE. TOLD HIM THAT UNTIL WE HAD MORE  
DETAILS, DEPT WAS ADOPTING "NO COMMENT" POSTURE AND  
SUGGESTED GOE DO LIKEWISE.

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2. FAHMY WANTED TO KNOW HOW STORY HAD LEAKED. I TOLD  
HIM WE HAVE NO IDEA, BUT NOTED THAT LEAK COULD HAVE  
COME FROM ANY NUMBER OF SOURCES. ON USG PART, HOWEVER,  
HE SHOULD KNOW THAT WE HAVE CONTINUED TO KEEP SUBJECT  
UNDER TIGHT WRAPS. FAHMY THEN WANTED TO KNOW WHY WE  
HAD NOT SIMPLY DENIED THE STORY. I TOLD HIM THAT IN  
CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS WAS HARDLY DESIRABLE. HE SAID HE

UNDERSTOOD.

3. I ASKED THAT FAHMY ADVISE SADAT AND GAMASY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OF THIS DISCLOSURE. FAHMY SAID HE WOULD DO SO. I ALSO INDICATED SECRETARY WILL WISH DISCUSS MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT ON UPCOMING TRIP. FAHMY NOTED THE PRESIDENT HAS WONDERED WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO PROJECT AND IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING NEWS OF IT.

4. LAST EVENING ONE OF MY OFFICERS WAS APPROACHED BY AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST WHO HAD COPY OF THE BOSTON GLOBE STORY. IN RESPONSE JOURNALIST QUERIES, EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT. WE MUST NOW, HOWEVER, EXPECT FURTHER QUERIES.

5. STATE 179500 JUST RECEIVED. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE CONTAINED THEREIN RE POSSIBLE QUERIES. CHASE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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